THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Gujarat has sought assistance amounting to Rs. 7.18 crores for purchase of vehicles, communication equipments, etc. As there are several other States facing the problem of extremist activities, a comprehensive proposal for special assistance to affected states will have to be formulated.

Terrorist Operation in Punjab

1123. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists so far operating in Punjab have now extended their area of operation outside the State and particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of their activities in Delhi;

(c) steps taken to curb their activities and details of the results achieved;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have confirmed information about Pakistan Government's ISI in aiding and abetting terrorism in India, and

(e) whether Government have made any protests in this regard and if so, with what result ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information available with the Government indicates that the terrorists have been planning to indulge in terrorist acts in various parts of Delhi. Amongst the steps taken to curb terrorist activities include formation of an Anti-Terrorist Cell in each Police District; deployment of armed pickets at vulnerable/strategic points; intensive mobile patrolling; deployment of spotters; display of photos of known terrorists at public places; stationing of PCR vehicles at strategic places; and, coordination meetings with the adjoining States. As a result of those steps, 30 terrorists have been arrested from 1st January 1993 to 31st January 1994.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government have been taking up this matter with the Government of Pakistan at every available opportunity. Regrettably however, there has been no let up in Pakistan support to subversion and terrorism directed against India.

Murder of scheduled caste IAS Officer

1124. SHRI M.A. BABY :
SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL :
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that there has been an agitation in Kerala State over the alleged murder of a Scheduled Caste I.A.S. Officer who was the Chairman of the MPEDA demanding a C.B.I. probe into the matter; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by the Central Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the circumstances of a case, it is for the State Government to request for a Central Bureau of Investigation enquiry. Tamil Nadu Government has not yet made any formal request.

Decision about dual citizenship

1125. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not taken any decision about dual citizenship so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) since when this matter has been lying pending ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) The demand for dual citizenship has been raised by certain organisations of NRIs in several fora in the recent past. The Government have not accepted the demand for dual citizenship as the concept is not consistent with the Constitution of India and the Citizenship Act, 1955.

Applications of freedom fighters pending before the screening committee

1126. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :